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Finland Notes 150th Year Diet In Porvoo

To mark the fact that in 1959 hundred and fifty years will have passed since the Diet in Porvoo (Borga), the General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs of Finland will issue a commemorative stamp March 22. The motif is taken from the painting by R. W. Ekman, depicting the inauguration of the Diet in 1609.



The value of the item is 30 Markka and the issue 2,000,000. It is designed by Arne Karjalainen and signed by Olli Vepsäläinen, after a sketch by Frans Nyberg; the engraving is by R. Achen.

On the issue date the stamp will be for sale exclusively at the festal post office, to be opened in the post office hall in Porvoo (Borga). From March 23 on, it will be for sale at all the post offices of the country.

Enquiries and orders for mint stamps are to be sent to the Philatelic Section of the General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs, Helsinki, Finland. Orders should include funds for return postage and registration, with remittances by bank draft, international money order or certified check. The markka is 30 to the \$1 U. S. No arrangements are mentioned for servicing first day covers of this stamp.

Haddonfield, N. J. To Hold Show March 13-14

The Haddonfield (N. J.) Stamp Club will hold its third annual stamp exhibition at the Camden County YMCA, Haddonfield, March 13-14.

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This series of two-post albums has a great advantage to the users of the New World - Wide loose-leaf or Comprehensive albums as well as the Minkus Supreme and Master Global Albums. They are printed on pages of the same size punching and with a border that matches those used in the other Minkus albums. Thus collectors using the Minkus albums can expand them by purchasing the pages only from this new series of albums. Pages only for the British America album are \$4.95; for British Europe, \$1.95.

These two new Minkus albums are available at stamp dealers, or the stamp and coin departments of many department stores. Dealers should contact their favorite jobber, or Minkus Publications, 115 W. 30th St., New York 1, N. Y.

Chile Stamp Marks Valdivia Stamp Show

A single 40 Peso green stamp was released in Valdivia, Chile February 9 to mark the February 9-17 philatelic exhibition being held there, according to Guillermo Preuss, Casilla 3794, Santiago, Chile.



Valdivia is a city well in the south of the nation, about 650 miles below Santiago, Mr. Preuss explained. This stamp is a regular mail item. It shows a bridge and a sailboat, with the legend "Institute Allerman C. Anwandter - Valdivia 1858-1958" at the bottom.

This adhesive is projected as the first of a set of two, the other being a 100P. airmail. No definite date has been set for its release; it is not yet printed, and "in April" is the estimated time of arrival.

Plewacki Post Show Listed March 20-22

The Plewacki Post Stamp Society of Buffalo, N. Y. will stage its third annual exhibition March 20-22 at the Plewacki Post Bldg., 385 Padrewski Dr., Buffalo. The theme will be the 40th anniversary of the American Legion and the 150th of Lincoln's birth.

The Court of Honor will feature a 41-page exhibit of Swiss material on loan from the Swiss Department of Posts. The U. S. POD will operate a substation with a special cancellation noting the exhibition.

The society will issue a special souvenir sheet at 25¢ per set of three, along with a cacheted cover at 10¢ per copy. The latter will be franked with a 4c commem and mailed and cancelled at the show with the special cancellation. These items may be purchased on the site, or ordered by mail from Stanley Arnstein, 11 Frontenac Ave., Buffalo 16, N. Y.

Paddy's Day Cancel From Erin (New York)

Once again the time approaches for the annual St. Patrick's program at the Erin, N. Y. post office, the occasion when the "Erin postmark" goes all over the world! This affair is being sponsored by the Erin Historical Society and the Elmina (New York) Stamp Club.

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531	—	.20	703	—	.45	743	—	.95	793	—	.70	818	—	.95	866	—	.65	901	—	.50	930	—	.08	955	—	.18	980	—	.38	1004	—	.18	1109	—	.22	C30	—	2.25
532	—	.80	704	—	.25	744	—	.92	794	—	.70	819	—	1.00	869	—	.27	902	—	1.20	931	—	.19	956	—	.18	981	—	.18	1005	—	.18	1109	—	.22	C31	—	4.00
533	—	1.00	705	—	.25	745	—	.25	795	—	.25	820	—	.90	870	—	.28	903	—	.65	932	—	.18	957	—	.32	983	—	.18	1006	—	.18	1110	—	.25	C32	—	.25
534	—	.60	706	—	.70	746	—	.20	796	—	1.30	821	—	1.50	871	—	.60	904	—	.50	933	—	.27	958	—	.20	984	—	.18	1007	—	.18	1111	—	.75	C33	—	.25
535	—	2.00	707	—	.20	747	—	.25	798	—	.25	822	—	1.55	872	—	.12	905	—	.20	934	—	.18	959	—	.20	984	—	.18	1008	—	.18	1112	—	.25	C34	—	.65
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537	—	3.50	712	—	.90	772	—	.30	801	—	.28	826	—	1.90	876	—	.30	908	—	.25	937	—	.20	962	—	.22	987	—	.18	1011	—	.18	1117	—	.25	C36	—	.135
538	—	.30	716	—	.90	773	—	.34	802	—	.31	825	—	.70	879	—	.30	909	—	.135	938	—	.18	963	—	.22	988	—	.18	1012	—	.18	1118	—	.75	C38	—	.145
539	—	2.00	717	—	.80	774	—	.42	803	—	.14	836	—	1.00	880	—	.25	910	—	.47	939	—	.18	964	—	.37	989	—	.18	1013								

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More On The UN Precancel Counterfeits

I am quite sorry that the chart showing three vertical rows of the UN Precancel overprint was so garbled that it did not clearly show what was intended. Now that the chart has been reprinted (February 23 edition, page 20) I hope you who are interested will clearly see what I pointed out.



GEORGE W. LINN

Since the publication of our final report on these counterfeits of February 9, I have some further information which puts an entirely new light on the matter, and I will attempt to give it to you here in as few words as possible. First however I must credit most of this information to Mr. E. L. Patterson of Navarre, Ohio who as I stated in my previous article, first called my attention to these counterfeits. I will now try to cover this new information and as briefly as possible.

Mr. Patterson advises me that he was first offered what he believed to be, and what later turned out to be, a block of four counterfeit UN Precancels on October 13, 1957. It is therefore established that the counterfeits were made prior to October 13, 1957 and therefore prior to the second printing of the 1½c regular UN postage stamp which was made in April of 1958.

Mr. Patterson's suspicion that these stamps acquired on October 13, 1957 were counterfeits led him to advise Mr. Tvedt of that opinion on October 22, 1957. Mr. Patterson stated in his letter to Mr. Tvedt that he realized that there might have been a second printing of the precancels by the UNPA and therefore did not want to brand the block as a counterfeit. At this same time Mr. Patterson had been offered a block of 25 Precancels. Mr. Patterson says that he had no doubt about the integrity of the party from whom he had purchased the block of four and who also offered him the block of 25. He was certain this man had obtained them from another person whom he did not know of and that this other person may be the one who was guilty of making the counterfeits. The men who sold them to Mr. Patterson did so in the belief that they were legitimate. Mr. Patterson added a "P.S." to his letter to Mr. Tvedt in which he said, "If the cancellation is counterfeit I would like to cooperate in any way to apprehend the counterfeiter."

In a letter dated October 30, 1957 Mr. Tvedt wrote Mr. Patterson and stated that he would like to see the block that Mr. Patterson had and also wanted to know if the block of 25 stamps were with gum. Also in this same letter, Mr. Tvedt reiterated what he had previously said, "There was only one printing of the 1½c Precancelled stamp—500,000 1½c UN stamps were pre-cancelled in the summer of 1952."

On November 5, 1957 Mr. Patterson wrote Mr. Tvedt and sent him the block of four precancels and a damaged single copy, and at the same time stated that he did not purchase the block of 25 that had been offered him.

It was not until December 6, 1957, a whole month later that Mr. Tvedt replied to Mr. Patterson's letter of November 5. In this reply Mr. Tvedt acknowledged the receipt of the block of four and the single and that he was returning the single stamp. Mr. Tvedt advised he could not personally determine if the block were genuine or counterfeit. Further that he sent it to the manufacturers (printers) who could not give a conclusive answer. He stated that if a microscopic examination were made it might damage the block. He wrote that he was most anxious that such a test should be made to determine if it is a counterfeit. Also, that he was anxious to learn the truth as he has found many stamp dealers were offering UN Precancels for sale. Mr. Tvedt continued that even if the stamps offered were genuine, they were proof that they were stolen property of the UN since there is no legal way in which unused precancels could reach the hands of collectors.

Following the above correspondence Mr. Patterson sent his block of four to Mr. Tvedt with the understanding that Mr. Tvedt would send him a block of four of the genuine precancels. This Mr. Tvedt did by pasting the genuine block of four on a cover and mailed them to Mr. Patterson.

This just about brings the matter up to date. Mr. Patterson, like myself, wonders why the UNPA and the Postal Inspectors, feeling that these counterfeits were being offered, did not warn the stamp collecting public and thus stop their sale. Instead, some dealers offered the stamps and thus robbed stamp collectors out of many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of additional dollars.

As the matter rests today, the UN and the Postal Inspectors have the names of many people who handled these precancels and have doubtless traced them to their source.

It is evident that the party who had these made knew very well that he was making counterfeit stamps and selling them at an enormous profit. It is evident from the above that the counterfeits were originally made before the second printing of the 1½c UN postage stamp. After the second printing of this UN postage stamp was made in April 1958 another printing of the counterfeit precancels was made because the maker found their production such a highly profitable bit of business. We had already established the fact that counterfeits on the second printing of the UN 1½c stamp were being offered, and now with the additional information above we definitely know that there were at least two printings of the counterfeits. The full sheet that I had from Mr. Shook was on the first printing of the UN 1½c stamp and we also know that the second printing of the 1½c stamp was put out with counterfeit precancels.

Isn't it about time that we quit worshiping original gum and ruining stamps by so doing. It does little damage to early 19th century stamps except on early Austria, early Japan and those which have the type of gum found on these. However in the later 19th century stamps such as our Columbian issue we find that the gum is diligently eating into the paper and ruining good stamps. This is due to the poor quality of the paper in later and modern issues of some stamps. Today, most United States stamps are printed on a wood pulp paper that will be rotted away when our early U. S. stamps are still crisp and safe. The removal of the gum from these modern stamps will do much to prolong their life and likewise if the gum is left on them they will fall apart much quicker than if the gum is removed. So let's quit paying as much for gum as we pay for the stamp for it must be recognized that a great many stamps offered today with original gum are merely regummed items because foolish collectors still ask for gum and it is so easy to put it on a washed stamp.

Chillicothe SOPEX To Host Cratsenberg

Charles C. Cratsenberg, president of the American Philatelic Society, will be a guest both days of the April 18-19 Southern Ohio Philatelic Exhibition "SOPEX" in the National Guard Armory, Chillicothe, Ohio. The affair is sponsored by the Chillicothe Philatelic Society.

The theme will be the 160th anniversary of the Chillicothe post office. Plans include an exhibition cancellation at the show and a special slogan postmark at the post office. The society will issue a bicolor cacheted envelope featuring the 1799 log cabin post office against the current structure as background.

Covers franked with the 4c Flag stamp will be available with either the exhibition cancellation or that of the post office downtown, at 10c each. They may be ordered in advance from the SOPEX Exhibit Committee, P. O. Box 366, Chillicothe. Copies of the prospectus are available from the same address.

The affair will be run along usual lines, with competition and awards in various classes. Collectors from the entire central and southern areas of Ohio are expected to participate.

1959 STAMP PROGRAM
Mar. 16—Hermitage 4½c regular, Hermitage, Tenn. (100 per pane).

April 4—NATO 10th Year 4c, Washington, D. C.

April 6—Polar Exploration 4c.

April 19—World Peace Through World Trade 8c, Washington, D. C.

May 1—Hermitage 4½c coil, Denver, Colo.

May 30—Lincoln 4c commem., Washington, D. C. (50 per pane).

June 26—St. Lawrence Seaway 4c.

June 6—Benjamin Harrison 12c regular, Oxford, Ohio.

June 17—Bunker Hill 2½c regular, Boston, Mass.

Aug. 17—Airmail Balloon 100th Year 7c, Lafayette, Ind.

Aug. 26—Soil Conservation 4c, Rapid City, S. D. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Aug. 27—Petroleum Industry 4c, Titusville, Pa.

Aug. 27—Third Pan American Games 10c, Airmail, Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 14—Dental Health 4c, New York, N. Y.

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

ALREADY ISSUED

C53—Alaska Statehood Airmail 7c, Juneau, January 3.

1113—Lincoln 1c commem., Hodgenville, Ky., February 12.

1124—Oregon Statehood 4c, Asoria, Ore., February 14.

1125-26—San Martin "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. February 25.

1114—Lincoln 3c commem., New York, N. Y. February 27.

UNITED NATIONS

March 30—4c and 8c General Assembly Bldg.

May 8—4c and 8c Economic Commission for Europe.

CANADA

Apr. 4—NATO 10th Anniversary 5c.

May—Associated Country Women of World.

June—Opening St. Lawrence Seaway.

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As of this date, February 20, I have seen the 7c Alaska, 1c Lincoln and 4c Oregon commems. This trio, in my opinion, represents a most auspicious start artistically for 1959.

The 1c Lincoln is a real beauty. Readers have written more favorable comments about this one than any others for months and months. It has the one outstandingly appealing feature which is the hallmark of all quality, simplicity.

Note the lack of flourishes and bric-a-brac; the absence of explanatory wording; the "seeing" size of the subject; the absence of other items from the design. The Lincoln 1c is what our commemorative designs should be—not the cluttered-up conglomeration seen in the Lincoln-Douglas debate 4c of last August.

The latter by no stretch of the imagination fits in to the other three stamps of the Lincoln series. It lacks compatible color, design and theme. It has all the appearance of something "cooked up" in a minute, and accepted. Too many of our designs are like that.

The Oregon Statehood is almost as excellent a design as the Lincoln. It too has simplicity, good artwork and a rather good color. Our POD will not have to be ashamed to have this one go around the world.

If you keep the Alaska about a foot-and-a-half away from your eyes, it makes a better looking stamp. The inclusion of a view of the new state's tundra in the top half of the view (many probably figure this is sky), killed the good effect considerably. However, again note the absence of all but needed wording, which in this instance could have been half the size it is.

1. How many chicks are to be seen in the Whooping Crane design of 1957?

2. What other commems of 1957 had a bird, or birds, in their designs?

This week end, February 27 to March 1, will be spent at the INTERPEX, the international stamp show at the Park-Sheraton Hotel in New York City. We will have a booth there where we hope to meet many of our friends and subscribers, and to take subscriptions.

There are a number of the clubs in the metropolitan area which will stage their displays as part of the exhibition. One of them is the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club. I have been invited to be one of the judges of this section along with Henry M. Goodkind, with whom I recently worked in a similar capacity at Atlantic City last October, and L. B. Gatchell of the American Air Mail Society.

As I get the news from the big city, not only will the stamp exhibition itself be outstanding, but there will be a number of complementary displays of all kinds.

This is the week, now that the 11th Annual Design Derby has closed as of February 28, when a listing is made how yours truly views the 1958 crop of commems. It used to be that I'd give this during the Derby itself. However after being accused of influencing votes by naming my choices at the beginning or during the running of it, postponement was made till it closed.

For Best Design, second and third—Mackinac Bridge, Forest Conservation and the 8c Kossuth. Probably my best and second nominees will surprise no one since both are really appealing. The 8c Kossuth is my third chiefly because of the excellence of the engraving. None of the other Champions of Liberty stamps (except the 4c Kossuth) is so well done. It is also colorful.

For Least Necessary, the commem with the poorest reason for issuance, the Gunston Hall, is a shoo-in for this dubious honor in my book. However two others could be considered highly superfluous—the Gardening, and the Freedom of the Press.

The Worst design is the Freedom

of the Press which is about as insane a concoction as collectors have had thrust on them in sometime. Almost as poor are the Gardening and the IGY.

In the category of Designs Below Average in Looks I would have to include the Lincoln-Douglas Debate and the Webster as poor, with the above-named three under "worst", as "bad".

The above selections are my personal ones only and are not a report of how the Design Derby came out. That information will come in the very near future.

It was Christmaslike around here this week. Souvenir programs of first days of issue, with the new stamps tied on with hand, first day cancels, came from three persons. They were Jimmy Tonning of New York City, Alvin Kaufman of Douglas, Alaska and George D. Kingdom, Conneaut, Ohio. The first two were of the new Alaska commem, and the latter of the two new UN airmails, 5c and 7c.

It was nice to be remembered with these additions to a growing collection of such items and I thank these folks sincerely. The UN souvenirs were prepared by the American Air Mail Society. Their effort was two-fold, an elaborate brochure with "insignia" blocks of six of each stamp, and a dinner and ceremonial program with a copy of each airmail tied with the hand cancel.

Unusual covers in recent mail included a pre-first day of the Oregon from Columbus, Ohio, and first day of the Mackinac Bridge of last June. The former was prepared by that topnotch secretary of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Karl Scheufle. Mr. Scheufle should be the pride and joy of his fellow members since he goes to great lengths to get FD or other special postmarks on the envelopes in which he mails out the club's monthly bulletin.

Wilmer W. Sample of Muskegon, Mich. had the Bridge stamp cancelled on the day of issue, not at the regular post offices on both sides of the Straits, but from the railroad station in Mackinaw City. This postmark is of the usual kind, with seven wavy-line killers, and a single circle in which is the date, "MACK & DET RPO-TR 394 JUNE 25 1958." So you see it was possible to get something a little different on that occasion!

Remember in the February 16 Notes there was some comment and a picture of the 2c red brown of October 1, 1883. The stamp had a wavy line watermark, vertically, something which should not exist.

E. Robert Guilford of Washington, D. C. and Herman Herst, Jr., Shrub Oak, N. Y. came through with explanations and information. Their combined thoughts are contained in the following.

The first thing to be learned is that the item is not a stamp at all, but an essay. It is one of four paper essays the other three of which are—vertically laid paper, horizontally laid paper, and paper with honeycomb design watermark. Mr. Herst suggests there were also lozenge-shape watermarks.

Depending on the item singly, the cost runs from around \$3 up each to around \$20. The four first described sell from \$30 to \$40 at auction.

Mr. Guilford has sent along a copy of another very interesting essay which I hope to have under discussion and picture in next week's outing.

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33-34	.70	3.35	.60	.80	2.95	
35-37	.80	3.45	.70	.85	3.50	
38	13.45	8.50	8.50	9.95	3.50	
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Rise Of Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club Set On Foundation Of Sincerity And Enthusiasm

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In November 1941, several members of the Gotham Stamp and Cover Club of New York City arranged a meeting at the New York YMCA to formulate plans for a new type philatelic organization, one to be devoted exclusively to airmail cover collecting. This meeting, held under the counseling of G. "Bill" Kaufmann and Gus Lancaster was attended by seven enthusiastic collectors. It resulted in the organizing of the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club.

In June 1941 the first scheduled meeting was held at the Crown Hotel. It was attended by 25 philatelists who were to become the charter members of the club. These charter members included among others Raymond Babb, John Decker, Valentine Feind, Louis Fischbach, Elsie Gift, and Thomas Gift. Also Samuel Goldsticker, William Hafner, G. "Bill" Kaufmann, Gus Lancaster, Joseph Murray, Victor Repetti, William Schneider, Howard Stone, Harry Waha, Kurt Weiss, and William Wynn.

term) the charter designating the MACC as Chapter No. 31 of the AAMS. Thus the New York Chapter of the American Airmail Society, in the being of the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club, became a reality.

Meetings of the New York Chapter No. 31, AAMS, are held at 8:15 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at the Happiness Exchange Bldg., 226 W. 42nd St. (5th floor), New York City. All members of the American Airmail Society and the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club, and other interested airmail cover collectors are invited to attend.

These meetings offer collectors an opportunity to talk, trade, buy, and sell covers. In addition, interesting programs (such as films and qualified speakers) are held frequently, and souvenirs are usually distributed.

Present officers of the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club are: Samuel Goldsticker, president; Homer Boltz and Robert Haring, vice presidents; Gus Lancaster, corresponding secretary; Harry Levine, recording secretary; and Harold Frankel, treasurer. Mr. Frankel, 9307 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., is also membership chairman and publicity director.



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Officers elected at this meeting were president, G. "Bill" Kaufmann; vice president, Gus Lancaster; and secretary, Mrs. Elsie Gift. Subsequent presidents include five of these "early birds" for a total of eight terms. Since its organization in 1941, membership in the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club has grown to over 500.

In July 1942, the first "Bulletin" was issued under the editorship of Gus Lancaster, and except for a two-year period when Robert Anderson and James McNally were the editors, these bulletins have continued under the editorship of Mr. Lancaster without missing an issue.

Early issues were mimeographed on green paper and became known as "green sheets". The news contents consisted of the very latest information on domestic and foreign first flights, airport dedications, jet, helicopter, rocket and historical flights. Also items about the members, auctions, exchange ads, and other items of special interest to airmail collectors.

A series of auctions was started in 1948, with sales held three times a year since. Collectors are able to secure high class material for their collections at reasonable prices. These auctions are under the direction of Gus Lancaster and Harry Levine and the proceeds are either donated to the club, or a portion of the selling price is retained by the club as commission.

The Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club has participated in many of the national and international philatelic events, starting with the 1945 "STAMPEX" show in Newark, N. J., at which time the club held its first exhibit and regional meeting. This was followed by lounges at "CIPEX 1947" and at the ASDA shows for many years.

The MACC also participated in exhibits at the Airlines Bldg. in 1947, and held several meetings on radio through the WNEW "Stamp Club Of The Air". It has also sponsored special cachets and envelopes on numerous events such as airport dedications and helicopter flights.

What, then, could be more logical than to find the MACC en masse taking a prominent part in the great "INTERPEX '59" exhibition being staged in New York's Park Sheraton Hotel February 27-March 1. Veterans of 1941 and new members alike will be there, doing their utmost for the big show and for airmail philately.

In honor of our member Robert O. Wilm, who was killed in action in Germany during World War II, the "Robert O. Wilm Memorial Award" was established in 1946. It is given to the member who has done the most for the organization and the hobby in general. Winners of this award have been Samuel Goldsticker, G. "Bill" Kaufmann, Gus Lancaster, and William Schneider.

When Samuel Goldsticker became president in 1944, he strived for further cooperation between the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club and the American Airmail Society, with the hopes of the MACC becoming the New York Chapter of the AAMS. This goal was finally accomplished in July 1958, when President John J. Smith of the AAMS presented to MACC President Goldsticker (who at this time was serving his third

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Postal history in the Toga territory has its beginnings in the 80's of the last century, when the great powers were engaged in dividing Africa among themselves. Togo, situated between the Ashanti (Gold Coast) on the west, and Dahomey (French possession, formerly and justly known as the "Slave Coast") on the east, formed an integral territory, which had for some time known established "factories" of German origin.

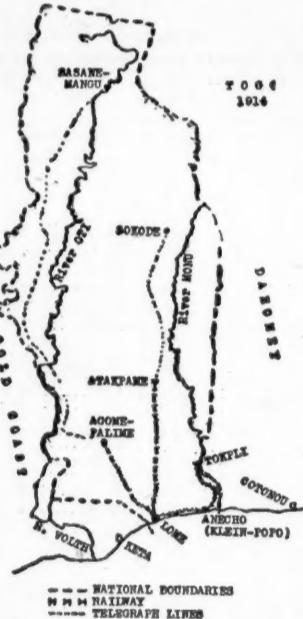
The North German Mission of Bremen had established missions in the 1850's, and other Hamburg and Bremen firms, such as the house of F. M. Vietor & Sons had founded trading posts. These were to give rise to the development of settlements such as Lome, Bagida, Porto Seguro, and Anecho (Klein-Popo).

Most notable of the German trading firms at the time was the Hamburg establishment of C. Woerman, whose then proprietor, Adolf Woerman, had frequently urged the formal acquisition of territory on the Guinea coast for Germany. On the further instigation of the German Consul-General, Dr. Nachtigal, the German authorities (backed by the cruiser "Moewe") concluded treaties of protection with native chiefs.

The German flag was first hoisted at Bagida on July 5, 1884, and the day following in Lome. The coastline from Lome to Porto Seguro was declared a German Protectorate, and following a treaty with France, Anecho became German in December 1885.

The territory was continually consolidated, and the final border between the Gold Coast and Dahomey was regulated by treaties between Germany, France, and Great Britain in 1897 and 1899. With a coastline of approximately 52 kilometers (say 30 miles) the Territory was a very approximate rectangle comprising 35,000 square miles and somewhat more than 1 million inhabitants.

The name Togo, by the way, is derived from a small native village of that name which gave its title to the lagoon adjoining the coastline near Porto Seguro.



Economic development—The German Administration developed the territory, building roads and a narrow-gauge railway. It generally improved local agriculture to derive cotton, copra, coffee, tobacco, cocoa, and various other tropical products. The trade in palm oil and palm kernels was also of major importance.

Communications were kept up by the Woerman Line, which connected Togo with the adjacent territories and with Germany. A fortnightly mail service by the Woerman Line was the quickest and best means of communication with the Fatherland, but there were other shipping lines organized by the Hamburg Packet Line (Hapag) and the Hamburg-Bremen Afrika Line.

Togo used the Mark as its currency, which was entirely identical with the Imperial German currency of the time, and equated roughly twenty to the £1 (gold sovereign). The Budget of 1900 provided for an income of 478,000M. and expenditure of 640,400M.; by 1912, it was balanced, with income and expenditure at 3,150,610M.

Income was mainly derived from import duties of 10 per cent, and general taxation. It is also of interest to note that the population (whites) rose from 56 in 1893 to 368 in 1913, of which 320 were Germans. Before the establishment of the German shipping lines, the "factories" communicated with the homeland via British steamers. But the Imperial Postal Administration

concluded an agreement with the Woerman Line in 1882 which provided for the transport of German mail to and from German West Africa.

As from 1885, only German ships might be used in the mail traffic between Germany and Togo, the rates being fixed at the UPU tariff of 20 pfennigs for each 15 grams weight. If the letters were marked to go by any other shipping line, then the tariff was 60pf. per 15gm.

Mail was unloaded as far as possible at Anecho, but the absence of a harbor prior to the construction of a jetty at Lome, coupled with the very strong surf conditions common around the Guinea Coast, made it often necessary to unload the mail at Keta (Gold Coast). Hausa messengers carried the post twice weekly from Keta to Lome, Bagida and Porto Seguro.

These messengers (part of the police force) provided a quicker and safer transit, but mail carried by them had to be franked additionally at Keta. The rate charged was 4d or 34pf. per 15gm. when mail had been discharged from British steamers, as was usually the case. The Woerman Line called only once a month at Keta.

Development of the Imperial Postal Administration—In 1886 it became necessary to regulate the postal traffic between Germany and Togo, and the territory joined the UPU. The main post office was originally in Klein-Popo (the German title for Anecho). It was the first Imperial post office in the Territory, operating from March 1, 1888.

The Hausa messenger service very soon proved too expensive for the administration, and consequently it was taken over by F. M. Vietor & Sons, the Bremen traders who also had establishments in the Gold Coast.

In this way a private messenger service replaced the official service carried out by the Hausa police.

Messengers called three times every fortnight at Klein-Popo and Keta (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays), crossing en route at Lome. There bags were exchanged at the Vietor "factory". To give the messengers some kind of official character they were equipped with white caps and wore black, white and red armbands (the Imperial colors).

Togo became an independent member of the UPU on June 1, 1888. She ratified the Universal Postal convention, the Parcel Post Agreement, and the Lisbon Convention of 1885.

The Imperial German Agency at Klein-Popo (still the only one in the territory) initially dealt only with letters, postcards, printed matter, samples and commercial papers, both registered and unregistered, as well as parcels up to 5 kilograms weight without declaration of value. UPU rates were charged in all traffic.

The Agency itself was open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, except when the European mail arrived. On those days a red flag was hoisted and mail could be collected during the afternoon. Outgoing mails closed one hour previous to the departure of a steamer, which was notified by hoisting the Blue Peter and firing one shot from the gun.

The Postal Agency was a subsidiary of the Reich Post Office, and it came within the competence of the Hamburg Postal Directorate. The Postal Agent received 1000M. a year.

Later agreements between the Togo and Imperial governments raised the remuneration payable to Togo for postal services first to 1,600 and later to 2,000M. annually. From this all postal expenses had to be defrayed. These included the salary of the four messengers carrying the mail to and from Klein-Popo and Keta.

The increasing development made it necessary to get mails more quickly to the Agency, and the delay of the messenger service had to be cut out. In order to overcome the problems of landing mails through the surf, all mail for Klein-Popo was packed into a specially constructed barrel which was rendered watertight, and tied with strong rope inside a native canoe.

The canoe then rowed to the steamer, and even though it might be capsized by the surf, there was no danger of the mails getting lost.

The canoes were in charge of specially experienced native boatmen.

Mail arrived from Hamburg, principally on British steamers, for sendings endorsed "via Liverpool". The Agency also exchanged sendings with British, French and Portuguese post offices, to connect with Lagos, Cameroons, Libreville (Gabon), and St. Paul de Loanda. On the return trip mails for Accra, Goree, and Funchal were loaded.

The development of the British mails in the Gold Coast made it possible to dispense with the Vietor

messenger service and replace it by Imperial postal messengers to and from Keta.

An additional messenger service once a week connected Klein-Popo with Agoue in Dahomey. This made it possible to send letters by land to Lagos via Cotonou and to catch the French steamers which called every 20 days at Cotonou harbor.

Lome as Capital—The increasing importance of Lome made it possible to open a second Postal Agency in that place on March 1, 1890, and steamers called at Lome at regular intervals. Mail was soon landed direct at Lome and the first

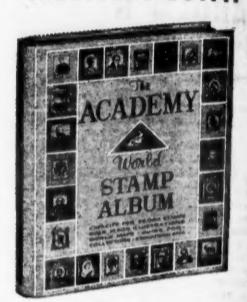
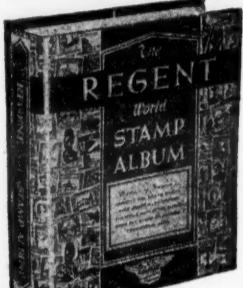
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under the supervision of the Customs authorities. The post office undertook new jobs such as newspaper delivery and postal remittances, whilst a start was made with connecting Togo with the world cable services.

In 1897 the capital of Togo was transferred to Lome, and all letter mail was landed there instead of at Klein-Popo. Post offices were built or extended in Klein-Popo, Lome and Agome-Palime. They remained the sole post offices under German administration until the turn of the century.

The ultimate full list of post offices and postal agencies in Togo under German administration reads as follows: Agbeluvhoe, Agome-Palime, Agu, Anecho, Assahun, Atakpame, Ho, Kete-Krachi (Kete-Krachi), Kpandu, Lome, Noepe, Nuatja, Porto Seguro, Sansane-Mangu, Sokode, Tokpili, and Tsewie. All these names occur on postmarks.

The Railway. — The construction of the jetty at Lome avoided the troublesome method of transshipping the mail into barrels tied to canoes. The jetty was opened in 1904, allowing direct unloading from the steamers anchored at its end.

The goods were transported along the jetty by a narrow-gauge railway (meter gauge) and this formed the nucleus of the Togo railway system. The trains ran through the streets of the capital and routes were extended eastward along the coast to Anecho (which had resumed its name from Klein-Popo), due north to Tsewieh, Agbeluvhoe, Nuatja, and Atakpame, and northwest to Noepe, Assahun, Agu, and Agoma-Palime.

Fixed telegraph lines (which are not, however, of postal interest) extended still further north from Agome-Palime to Sansane-Mangu, from Atakpame to Sokode, and from Anecho to Tokpili.

Though the railway carried a great deal of mail, no postmarks are known from travelling post offices. The time of transmission was considerably reduced and a great deal more traffic was carried to and from terminals.

The World War and the end of German administration. — With the outbreak of the first World War, Togo had enjoyed 30 years of German administration but was possessed of only a small police force. This comprised two officers, 100 German and 560 colored soldiers, which was very soon defeated by Anglo-French forces invading the colony from east and west.

Lome was occupied on August 6, 1914 by British forces; on August 8

the French occupied Anecho and Porto Seguro. The Germans withdrew along the railway from Lome to Atakpame in order to defend the important wireless station at Kamina near Atakpame.

But when two armored trains had been derailed and after a number of minor incidents (in which altogether one officer and six German soldiers were killed) the whole Territory was occupied by the Allies. The German government ended officially at 8 a.m. August 27, 1914.

The retreating German forces destroyed the cable and wireless apparatus at Lome, and dismantled all movable telephone equipment. Kamina wireless station was blown up by the German forces in the night of August 24-25. The German officials were imprisoned in Dahomey, but were later repatriated first of all to Algeria and then to Switzerland, from where they returned home at the end of the war.

Finally, the following statistics may be of interest, covering the periods 1894-95 and 1913. In each group the first quantity is for the former period and the second for 1913:

Number of letters handled, 29,879 and 597,090; parcels 710 and 15,050; postal orders 960 and 28,180; telegrams, 4,320 and 47,030; and news papers 71 and 104,000.

The Stamps and Postmarks of Togo. — German Imperial issues (Forerunners) used in Togo were: Issue of 1879-80, 3, 5, 10, 20, and 50pf.; issue of 1875, 2M.; issue of 1889, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50pf.

German stamps prepared for use in Togo began with the issue of 1889, overprinted "Togo". There exists a very limited issue of these stamps, prepared especially for the use of the U.P.U. office in Berne.

They bear the names of five colonies in se-tenant strips, of which only 800 sets were produced. Some 760 went to Berne, the rest to the Berlin Postal Museum. The overprints bear the legend "Deutsch-Neu-Guinea", "Deutsch Sudwest-Afrika", "Marschall-Inseln", "Kamerun", "Togo", in that order, and shades of the basic stamps differ from the general issue.

General issue: Overprint "Togo" on German stamps of 1889, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50pf. (three shades are known of the 3pf). Valid until September 30, 1901.

German Colonial issue (Imperial Yacht "Hohenzollern"), issued November 1900, on unwatermarked paper: 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 80pf., 1, 2, 3, 5M.; ditto, on watermarked paper (1909); 5 and 10pf.

Of this issue, values of 3pf. and 5M. were also prepared, but could not be released owing to the war. They were sold only at the philatelic counter in the Berlin post office. The 3M. was also prepared on watermark paper, never released.

The list of post offices and postal agencies is noted above; the postmarks are known in the general German colonial types, e.g. either as single circle types, or as handstamps with the name of the colony horizontally across the center. Some of these are of considerable rarity, for instance Avhagene (a new name for Agu), Kpandu "a", and Sansane-Mangu.

After the occupation by Anglo-French forces, a number of these postmarks continued in use, and can be found on Gold Coast stamps, as well as on some of the Dahomey issues.

Remainders of the German Colonial issues which were found in Togo were overprinted "Togo - Anglo-French Occupation" or "Togo-Occupation Franco-Anglaise", whilst later Gold Coast and Dahomey issues appeared with similar overprints. The Dahomey stamps were ultimately succeeded by definitive Togo emissions which in their turn were followed by the "autonomous Republic" and present Republic of Togo definitives.

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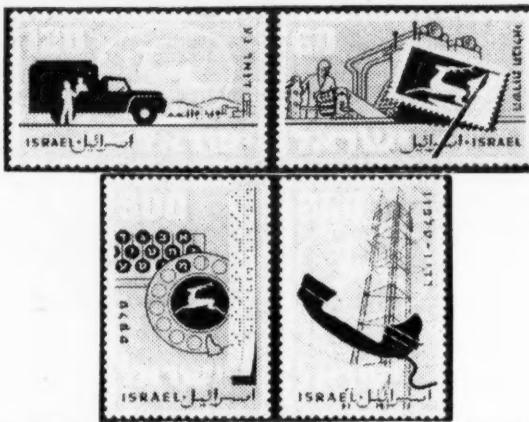
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The six were issued at various dates December 27 to January 12, inclusive. Values, colors, designs, and quantities are officially listed as follows:



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Mr. Carl Rueth
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Sidney, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rueth:

"When the printing figures of the Ghana Lincoln issue including the souvenir sheets were requisitioned (with the proportions of the U. N. souvenir sheet in mind), the enormous demand and interest for same was not anticipated. The subsequent demand seems to have been further heightened by rumors of unusual scarcity of the item. Your recent editorial remark that one souvenir sheet per complete set of sheets would be supplied is an example of such unfounded reports.

"When it appeared that the souvenir sheets would be immediately sold out if they were delivered on a first-come first-serve basis, it was decided that the remaining available supply of them would be stretched out so as to make them available to all buyers of regular stamps as long as they would be available. Obviously, it would have been easier and less troublesome to sell them out immediately, but in order to do justice to the hundreds and hundreds of small dealers who have been loyal to Ghana, we stretched the supply out and can assure you and your readers that no buyer of regular stamps had to do without souvenir sheets.

"The issue is certainly a valuable addition to anyone's collection. The entire issue was sold out on day of issue.

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Iowa Exhibition In
Waterloo Late April

The Cedar Valley Stamp Club of Waterloo, Iowa will be host to the Ninth Annual Convention of the Federation of Iowa Stamp Clubs and Postal History Society, to be held Saturday and Sunday April 25-26 at the Hotel President, Waterloo, Iowa.

An exhibition of about 100 frames will be on display for competition by members of the various affiliated stamp clubs in Iowa. There will also be exhibited some prize winning displays from past showings that will not be for competition. The show will feature a banquet and entertainment on Saturday evening at which time the awards to prize winning entries will be made.

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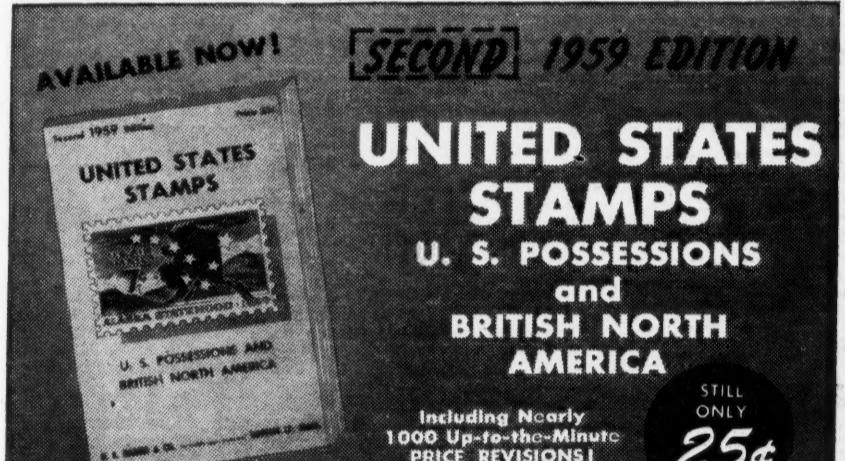
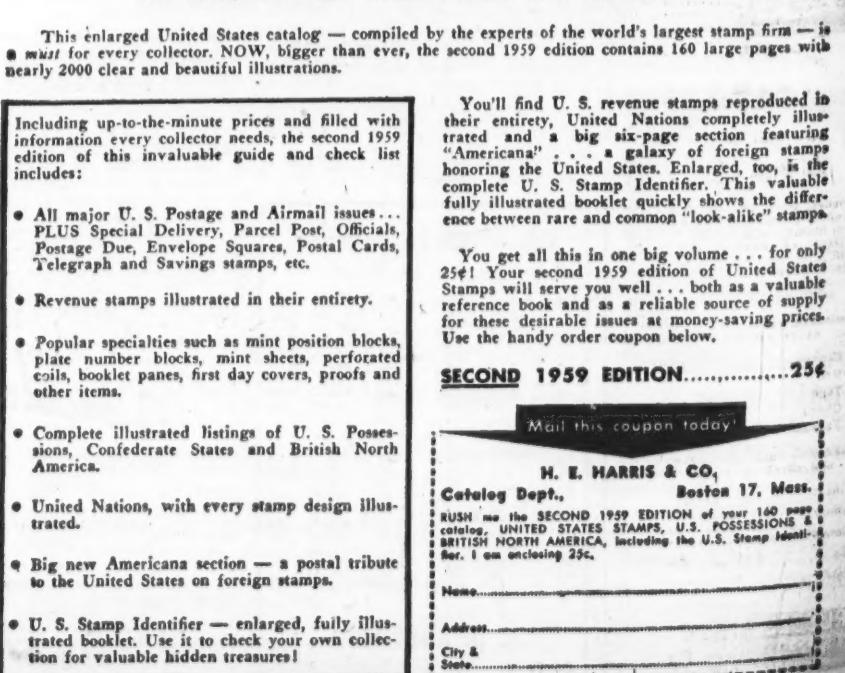
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Official Report From Australia

The recently arrived Philatelic Bulletin of the Australian Post Office Department gives interesting bits of information on an early special cancellation, data on important flights, particulars on new printings of some old issues, and comment on slogan postmark history in that area.

Adding to earlier compilations on special handstamps, the Department verified that a 30mm round device was used at a temporary post office on the grounds of the Government House, Sydney, at a fete in aid of the Bush Nursing Assn., October 6-7, 1932. One example illustrated was struck October 7 of that year.

A total of 57,053 philatelic articles was carried on the Trans-Tasman 30th anniversary flight of September 11. 48,794 were addressed to New Zealand; 6610 to Australia and Australian Territories; 966 to United Kingdom; 124 to other European countries; 361 to United States, and 198 to countries not embraced by earlier figures.

New printings have been made of the current 1/2d, 1d and 3d stamps of Papua and New Guinea. The 1d and 3d stamps are on paper whiter than previously, and the 1/2d is in a slightly deeper shade than that of the earlier printing. A new printing of the current 1 1/2d Norfolk Island stamp is on paper whiter than before.

A total of 2129 philatelic articles originated in Australia, was carried on the inaugural Pan-American flight, Melbourne to San Francisco, on September 30. Of the covers, 520 were addressed to Australia and Australian Territories and 679 to the United States.

"KINSSPEX" Set For March 21 In Kingsport

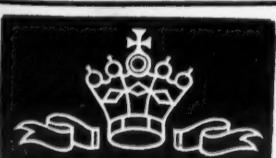
The Stamp Trotters Society of Kingston (N.Y.) will hold its "KINSSPEX" exhibition March 21 at Kingston's Governor Clinton Hotel, in conjunction with the Hudson-Champlain Sesquicentennial celebrations. The display will be limited to 100 frames, with competition by adults and juniors in separate classifications.

This will be the group's first philatelic exhibition. Among prizes to be awarded will be that of the American Topical Assn. for the best topical entry. The banquet in the evening will bring Herman Herst, Jr. as guest speaker. Further details on request from Dr. H. C. McNamara, Hurley, N. Y.

Stanislaus Exhibition In Modesto April 11-12

The Stanislaus Stamp Club of Modesto, Calif. will hold its annual exhibition April 11-12 at the Modesto Irrigation District Bldg., 11th and "M" Sts., Modesto. Outstanding area collections will be on display, with suitable prizes up for competition.

A special cachet is being sponsored for the event, with a design by John Coulthard honoring the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Covers will be franked with the 3c Lincoln commemorative and priced at 10c each, from Mrs. A. G. Franklin, Rt. 7 Box 402B, Olive Rd., Modesto, Calif.



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The new volume is in the same style as its predecessors, well and detail illustrated, with red and black paper covers showing the head profiles of the two monarchs concerned. The 293 pages carry 2490 illustrations and list and describe 9675 stamps.

There have been numerous additions and changes during the past year, and specialists should check the new numbers to verify their listings of their own stamps. These changes are grouped on one page for ease of reference, in addition to being shown in their proper places throughout the catalog.

The "Two Reigns" is based upon the standard Gibbons catalog, but goes into much more detail than is possible in the general volume. To quote the publishers, "Stamps of the Two Reigns not listed in this Catalogue (unless they are new issues) are almost certainly not adhesive postage stamps, but Revenue, Local or other issues outside its scope."

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The cachets will be printed in two colors. All covers will be canceled March 20 and mailed with current commemoratives. (No Boy Scout stamps are available). Prices are 15c each, or 7 for \$1, with all proceeds going to the troop's camping fund.

Collectors preferring covers addressed with peelable labels must furnish them. Orders should be sent to Cason Schaffer, Scoutmaster Troop 109, 108 2nd Ave., Vicksburg, Miss.

Wichita KPS Show, Cachet March 21, 22

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7c Balloon Jupiter—Aug. 17	.30	.40	.60	1.45	
4c Soil Conservation—Aug. 26	.20	.25	.35	.85	
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The railroad is celebrating this event on March 10. Collectors may purchase these covers at 10c each, postmarked on any one of the three days, March 7, 8, or 10, from Vern Graham, Dugan Road, Sugar Grove, Ill. The date desired should be specified.



Feb. 27-Mar. 1—"POLPEX '59", Polonus Philatelic Society, 1062 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 27-Mar. 1—"INTERPEX '59", Park Sherman Hotel, New York City.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1—Michigan Stamp Club Exhibition and Bourse, Hotel Ft. Wayne, Detroit, Mich.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1—Columbus Philatelic Club, Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Feb. 28—Jamboree, Assn. of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, Plaza Hotel, Camden, N. J.

Mar. 7-8—Peninsular State Philatelic Society, K. of C Hall, 12500 Leisure, Detroit, Mich. North West Stamp Society and Scandinavian Collectors Club, hosts.

Mar. 7-8—McKinley Stamp Club, Oneonta Hotel, Canton, Ohio.

Mar. 7-8—Fox Valley Stamp and Coin Club, Aurora, Ill.

Mar. 13-15—Garfield-Perry Annual March Party Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mar. 13-15—Midwest Stamp Show, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Mar. 13-14—Haddonfield Stamp Club, Haddonfield YMCA, Haddonfield, N. J.

Mar. 14-15—Dayton Philatelic Society, The Loretto, Dayton, Ohio.

Mar. 14-16—Nashville Philatelic Society, Nashville, Tenn.

Mar. 20-22—"TAPEX '59", Plewacki Post Stamp Society, American Legion Bldg., 385 Faderewski Dr., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mar. 21—Star Trotter Society of Kingston, Clinton Hotel, Kingston, N. Y.

Mar. 21-22—First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America, T. G. Masaryk School, Cicero 50, Ill.

Mar. 21-22—North Toronto Stamp Club, North Toronto Memorial Gardens, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Mar. 21-22—Annual Spring Festival, Kansas Precinct Society, St. Anthony's Recreation Center, Wichita, Kans.

Apr. 4-5—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.

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The February 10 issue of "The Worldgram" consists of six pages of timely tidbits on stamps, helpful information for collectors, and special offers in Rotary issues, British Colonies sets, Brussels, Europe, an NATO issues and, souvenir sheets. Collectors may have samples copies free, along with details of free advertising space in it, from Worldstamps, 8203 Grubb Rd., Silver Spring, Md.

Specialists in the German area think of Otto W. Kaperl, P. O. Box 35175, Los Angeles 35, Calif. as the man to see when they have a really tough item on their want lists. Just now he is offering his most recent list, No. 9, on the Saar. It lists the normal issues and many of the more desirable—and elusive—items that dress up an album. Collectors may write for copies.

The magnificent cover collection built up during the past 40 years by Bernard Davis, founder of the Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia, Pa. will be auctioned during May and June by J. & H. Stolow, 50 W. 46th St., New York 36. The

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The first day covers' date of issue in Israel was February 25, and they will be sold for \$2 each at the International Stamp Exhibition "INTERPEX" being held at the Park-Sheraton Hotel in New York City February 27-March 1. Proceeds will be given to the America Israel Cultural Foundation for the purpose of creating a philatelic museum in Israel.

In addition to the first day cancellation, only these 3000 envelopes will bear the special impression covering the El Al jet-prop Britannia flight to INTERPEX.

Rockford "IFPEX"
Offers Show Cachet

"IFPEX '59", the tenth annual convention and exhibition of the Illinois Federation of Stamp C' is, is scheduled for April 18-19 at the Hotel Faust, Rockford, Ill. It will offer a show of over 200 frames of material, a large dealers' bourse, and a special cachet to mark the event.

A post office substation will be operated, with a stock of current commems and a special handstamp with which to cancel covers posted at the scene. The organization offers cacheted covers, addressed and franked, at 20 cents each, 3 for 50c. They may be ordered from Tom Beddoes, 318 Alliance Ave., Rockford, Ill.

The usual Saturday evening banquet is scheduled for the 18th. Tickets are obtainable from S. D. Reed, 911 Woodland Dr., Rockford. Information concerning the exhibition is offered by Robert Rosell, 540 15th Ave., Rockford. March 28 is closing date for entries. All 18 b'urse tables have been reserved. Some dealers will offer coins as well as stamps.

Hudson Scout-O-Rama
Offers Bicolor Cachet

Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 104, of Hudson, N. Y. will issue a cachet cover for the Columbus District Scout-O-Rama to be held the week-end of March 14.

The cachet decoration as planned will be in two colors and bear an appropriate design franked with a current commemorative. Priced at 20c each, or 3 for 50c, orders should be sent to Neal Curran, R. D. No. 2, Hudson, N. Y. before March 6.

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Mar. 29—Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, Inc., 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa. U. S. Br. America, genl.

Mar. 30—Pasadena Stamp Co., P. O. Box 5127, Pasadena, Calif. U. S. Br. Cola, genl. fgn.

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2) a donation of small collections of books on Lincoln to secondary schools, the University College, and the Kumasi College of Technology, and 3) the Information Service may receive recorded commemorative radio programs on Lincoln which will be offered to Radio Ghana for its possible use.

Also 4) the showing of special 16mm films on Lincoln, 5) the release to the press of feature articles and photographs, and 6) a special section in the February issue of "American Outlook" on Lincoln's life and achievements.

Finally, 7) the Information Service plans to distribute a small color pamphlet on Lincoln, which it is hoped will instill in the younger element in the new nation a proper appreciation of the stature and importance of Lincoln in the world picture of the brotherhood of all mankind.

Bush AMG Catalog,
Handbook Published

The new AMG catalog and handbook just released by AMG specialist Joseph Bush represents close to 13 years of study, research and documentation.

With minute thoroughness, historical facts are presented to the reader, many of which have never previously been seen print. Many official records were scanned both here and abroad. Recording was effected with utmost emphasis on authenticity and verification.

Starting with the underlying reasons for the issuance of these stamps, every other known fact is brought into focus. It is interesting to note the wealth of information gathered on the stamps themselves. Starting with the printing processes and techniques used, the reader is familiarized with such pertinent data as printing totals, papers used, perforation varieties, dates of issue, names of designers and engravers and totals used.

Printed on excellent quality coated paper and with excellent illustrations, this book is considered a "must" for anyone interested in AMG issues. It may be ordered from the publisher, Joseph Bush, 143 Garrett, Chula Vista, Calif., at \$3.95 per copy.

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New Italian Stamp
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A philatelic post office window will be operated at the show.

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The Federation will furnish two covers, one printed in red and the other blue (one for each day), with blank stuffers, canceled on the days of the show with the official exhibition cancellation at 10c each, 20c per set, from David C. Morey, R. F. D. No. 1, Verona, N. Y. Provisions have been made for 15 dealers tables, to be allocated on a first come first served basis. Applications should be submitted to Mr. Morey.

Entries will be on display between noon and 10 p.m. April 11, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 12. The banquet and awards ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Elks. The Apple - Knockers convention will be at the Avonmore at 9:30 with the usual buffet and fun.

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New Stamp Scandal; Lebanese '59 Airs Released Piecemeal; Youth Meet Not All Brotherly

Bruce Conde

Once again "X" marks the spot of another attempted philatelic "fast deal" in the Middle East, this time in Yemen. And once again, as might well be expected by experienced philatelists in the field, one finds "Mr. X" precisely in the middle of the muddle. This time his scheme had to do with palming off some obsolete Yemen remainders as new issues.

In the same area there is news of the straggling appearance of new airmails in Lebanon, while from Cairo come details of the recent Afro-Asian Youth Conference held there. It is in order to state that the mild design of the commemorative issued for the occasion did not accurately disclose the fireworks which marked assorted clashes of delegates with sharply diverging political views.

A cable from New York wholesaler to Beirut, demanding a supply of a "new Yemen issue of 1, 5 and 10bg. stamps" caught the Beirut stamp market off base.

What new Yemen issue?

A quick check with the Yemen Post Office Department revealed that only next month's Federation with the UAR 4 bogash single (five more later) and Arab League Headquarters Building Inauguration (3 values) commemoratives are to be released in the near future, also as the Federation set will also serve for regular postage to replace the APU set now current, there will be no need for further definitives during the coming year.

A recheck with New York indicated that the so-called "new Yemen set" consisted in three odd values of an unaccepted "Official Stamp" design of 1951, which had been rejected due to the printing of a foreign language inscription (French) over the Arabic text on all values.

All of the three values "released" by enterprising little Mr. "X" had seen previous postal use in emergencies, however, as provisionals. All of them were known to Yemen collectors and to the general philatelic public through write-ups in Linn's and other publications between 1956 and 1958, and in 1958 specimens were submitted to the major catalogs for cataloging in 1959 in the 1960 editions.

The 1 bogash saw unauthorized release for a week or two as a 4bg. provisional without overprint, in late 1956, at the Sana'a Post Office. Genuine covers showing it as such are extremely rare. It was also used after demonetization of all of Yemen's old issues in 1958 as a provisional newspaper stamp. It was never sold over the counter as such, but used within the Post Office to frank newspapers delivered to the Post Office in bulk with cash payment for franking.

The 5bg. — a totally useless value, paying no known postal rate — was officially released in 1957 as a 4bg. provisional, without distinguishing overprint or surcharge, and was widely used as such for several months for inland first-class mail.

The 10bg. was drafted into provisional use in 1957-58 to prepay inland post and registry during shortages of both 4 and 6bg. adhesives normally used to pay that type of postal fee.

The 5bg. was supposedly used up, as it was followed by other provisionals released prior to the final (February 1958) issue of the APU set which is still current save for the 6bg. value. This was replaced by the 6bg. 1947 Mokha coffee tree design, hitherto unissued. The 1bg. has never been on post office window sale and the 10bg. was officially withdrawn and demonetized in early 1958.

What happened was that Mr. "X", greedy for a controlled new issue and unable to get one, working with his agent among the postal officials in Yemen — and a non-Yemeni at that — dredged up some remainders of these obsolete old issues and foisted them on the U. S. stamp market as as "new issue of Yemen".

They do not form a set, as advertised. The full set, unlike its regular postage counterpart, has never been released in any form and we are unaware of the colors or values of the remaining denominations. They will probably be burned in due time, unseen by the philatelic world.

The design itself (Bab al-Yemen Gate to the ancient walled city of Sana'a, former capital of the kingdom) is an unobjectionable and attractive one, but Yemen has never had any use for official stamps — official mail goes free by manuscript frank. Moreover, the placing of a foreign language above the national one on all values rendered the set unwanted from the start.

Its use, like that of a few values of the regular postage set of the same vintage, has been limited to provisional use of a few values in dire emergencies in order that at least the printing costs may be salvaged when eventually an "amr sharif" or royal decree is secured to burn all remainders.

Excuses and pretexts that some of the values were later used provisionally in Sana'a will probably be made by the parties interested in selling this "new issue" in the U. S. on an exclusive basis, but the fact

remains that it is not a new Yemen issue at all and that the parties representing it as such in the U. S. are deliberately misleading the philatelic public in order to pan off some old stamp stock they want to get rid of under favorable circumstances. This trick may be tried again, so you have been warned.

New Lebanese Airmails — The turn of the year saw a few values of Lebanon's new definitive air set issued, and the promise of a new regular postage set in new designs. First to appear were the 5, 25 and 35 piaster denominations to replace shortages in the 1958 set.

As was the case with the Litani bridge and Chamoun Electric Center air values of the last set, these are locally designed and printed by processes inferior to some of Lebanon's previous attractive bicolors. Although the designs are clear and symbolic, the stamps are not particularly attractive.



On the low values a huge airliner is unloading at Beirut's great Khalde International Airport, recently under U. S. military occupation. The familiar principal building of Khalde is seen silhouetted in the distance under the left wing of the plane.

"Liban", the French version of the country name, is split on each side of the tail of the airplane in large Kufic Arabic letters, with value and airmail inscription at upper left in a small inset plaque. "Liban", the French version of the country name, is in lower left, with value and airmail designation to the right. Beneath the French value plaque is the tiny marginal imprint of the J. Saikali Press of Beirut. In the opposite left corner, is the signature of the designer, D. Aksan. He is a newcomer to the hitherto virtually closed corporation of Pliss and Koroleff.

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industries, with entirely Lebanese capital, to produce local products of equal quality wherever possible. This is particularly observable in textiles, furniture making, ceramics, jewelry, soap and cosmetic making, and processed foodstuffs and sweets.

Lebanese high quality chocolates are now competing successfully with Swiss, Italian and British brands. All of these are supposed to be represented in composite in the factory scene within the cogwheel. During the recent uprising, foreign correspondents were startled to be handed Tommy guns and other submachine gun type weapons entirely of local Lebanese manufacture.

Electric power for industry and for domestic use in the rapidly growing (now over 500,000 population) capital city of Beirut, is being developed on a progressive scale, thus the power lines on the stamps. Roads are among the best in the Middle East and are rapidly improving. The country is almost entirely accessible by bus and motor car today.

Beirut traffic problems have now become more acute than those of Los Angeles or New York. The new north coast highway is helping to speed up exit from the city during rush hours — Beirut's first approach to freeway (traffic police are now giving tickets for too slow drivers on this road).

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ANOTHER FOR THE BOOK!

Many funny things happen to stamps. In times past I had my part in kidding certain precancel collectors by printing up absurd places on stamps. None of these was ever passed as genuine, and full publicity was given to them. However some things have been noted on stamps that puzzle collectors and perhaps these fall in the same category as my joke of years ago.

Sometime back I wrote about a NORTH POLE being printed on a 2c 1902 issue stamp. Maybe this too was a joke, but no one seems to know that story.

Today I received from Frank Applegate of Medford, Ore. a 5c Grant stamp (probably Scott's No. 223.) On the lower portion of it in an old English style type are printed the initials B. A. A. They are well spaced and look to be about 14-point in size. The ink is black and very glossy.

The stamp is further post cancelled, but one can't make out the town or city. It even looks as though the cancellation is over the printed initials. Who knows anything about this stamp?

CORRECTION

I reported a 3c Liberty from Ellington, Fla. In fact it seems that I messed up the date. John Millington of ELLENTON, Fla. reported the 3c Liberty from his home town. Sorry. Thanks to Robert Pitt of Bradenton, Fla. for putting me straight.

EGYPT, MASS.

According to the new Gunesch-Coda Town list, Egypt, Mass. does not use precancels. I have a 2c Liberty with a cancellation on it that sure gives the impression that it might be a precancel. Although the letters are rather large the legend does not run off the stamp at any place and fits a regular stamp nicely.

Just the fact of the large letters leads me to think it might be just a post canceller. Also, the ink used was of a purple or red often found around a post office. I have heard of a 6c value too. Who lives near Egypt, Mass. and could find out about this?

THE BULLETINS

The "Nebraska News" mailed from Scribner, Neb. This was a U-120 wide type. Soon we will be calling these OLD types, I guess. The News gives the Town and Type counts of several of the mid-west states which I think will be interesting.

Iowa has 790 Towns and 1283 Types. Kansas 625 Towns, Minnesota 624 Towns, Nebraska 413 Towns and 643 Types, North Dakota 238 Towns, and South Dakota 233 Towns.

The "Eager Beaver", bulletin of the newly formed Oregon Precancel Club mailed from Jennings Lodge, Ore. The Oregon count is 190 Towns and 276 Types, and believe me most of them are scarce.

"El Boletin" bulletin of the New Mexico Precancel Club mailed from Tularosa, N. M.: 1½c Prefixes were used and the type was U-120n. A late note from the Florida precancel Club about their round-up: it will be at the Marion Hotel, Ocala, Fla., February 14-15. The "BUCK-EYE" bulletin of the Central Ohio Precancel Club mailed from Wakefield, Ohio. The Ohio count now is 801 Towns and 1366 Types.

"Open Door" Policy At New York Postcard Club

The open door policy is always in effect, and the latchstring hangs outside at every meeting of the Metro Postcard Collectors Club of New York City, according to comment in the group's "Metro News" bulletin. The club meets on the first Friday of every month, the next occasion being March 6.

Collectors of postcards, stamps and other objects in the wide field of popular hobbies are always welcome. Meetings are held on the tenth floor of the Adelphi Hall, 74th Ave. at 14th St., Union Square S., New York City.

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dar and communication equipment together with armaments and ammunition were allocated to countries according to needs indicated by NATO military authorities. This equipment was provided from both

service stocks and current production.

Canadians share in the varied undertakings of NATO by providing funds and personnel. In 1958 about 6 per cent of the total cost of the Infrastructure Program was borne by this country. Canada's total contribution to the program to date is \$72 million. This Infrastructure Program is a project to provide fixed installations where required for deployment and operation of armed forces.

More than 160 airfields have been completed under the program together with over 3000 miles of fuel pipeline. Eventually thousands of miles of land lines and submarine cables will form part of an intricate communications network.

Under Article III the signatories agreed to maintain and develop their own capacity for defense. Canada continues to assist in the defense of the North American continent which is an integral part of the NATO area.

Early warning lines have been established and the air defense systems of the continent have been completely integrated through the establishment of a Joint Canada-United States headquarters.

Non-Military Programs — Even the Post Office by maintaining the morale of northern pioneers by frequent mail exchanges with outposts shares in Canada's effort to build not only for defense but for the future.

Recognizing that the stability and well-being of the North Atlantic area are the basic factors in supporting military forces and maintaining the will to resist, Article II embodying these objectives was strongly urged by Canada. At the seventh Session of the Council meeting at Ottawa in 1951 the Atlantic Community Committee was formed to recommend on close economic, financial and social cooperation, and on international collaboration in cultural activities and public information.

In 1956 a committee of three was appointed to advise the Council regarding possible improvements and extensions of NATO cooperation in the non-military field and the development of greater unity in the Atlantic Community. Canada was represented on this committee. Since then positive steps have been taken in the non-military field to encourage the exchange of ideas in various spheres.

Information Exchanged — The Canadian Government in cooperation with NATO Information Services has given wide distribution to publications dealing with the organization. Through the National Film Board and the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. films have been produced and distributed regarding NATO activities.

An exchange of university professors between this country and allied countries and the implementing of the fellowship and scholarship program have been encouraged. A number of journalists from NATO countries visited Eastern and Northeastern Canada and a similar group from Canada toured Europe.

Among the institutions of NATO and the Parliamentary Association and the Canadian Atlantic Coordinating Committee are two which promote better knowledge and further the cause of cooperation among the peoples of the Atlantic Community.

Another benefit which will outlast the need for solving pressing problems is the legacy of friendship and understanding among member nations formed through the intermingling of people performing NATO work.

Canadian families accompanying service men on postings abroad have the opportunity of observing the culture of other nations. Thousands of allied air crew personnel trained here return home not only with technical knowledge, but also with firsthand information about Canada and its people.

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First day covers and mint stamps — Collectors are offered the opportunity of first day covers and the purchase of mint copies at face. Instructions are given below for each type service. These must be followed to avoid error and disappointment.

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per right hand corner, the quantity of stamps to be affixed to each.

The necessary space should be allowed if blocks are ordered.

Applicants must not fold envelopes when forwarding them for servicing. Instead, such sendings should be enclosed in an outside wrapper marked "First Day of Issue". Return will be by ordinary mail unless it is specifically requested that they be returned by registered mail.

Orders to be returned by registered mail must include an additional 30c registration prepayment fee. Orders for first day cover service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Remarks or inquiries not related directly to the order for first day covers should be written on a separate piece of paper.

In addition to the cost of postage required to be affixed at ordinary, airmail or registered mail rates, collectors must include in their remittances sufficient money to pay the Department's cover service fee amounting to 5c for each forwarded for service.

The Postmaster, Ottawa, can not guarantee to supply plate blocks of four which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits. The Philatelic Section will not handle first day covers.

The postage rate on first-class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5c. The first-class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. The fee required for registration is 20c additional. To avoid having covers spoiled by postage due markings sufficient postage must be prepaid on each.

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A few weeks ago announcement was made here of a stamp design contest being sponsored by the Government of Bechuanaland Protectorate. Because of the response and interest displayed, it has been decided to publish the complete set of rules for another competition, exactly as received from the Crown Agents.

Nigeria — 1. The Federal Government of Nigeria proposes to issue a special set of four stamps to celebrate the independence of Nigeria which it is anticipated will be on October 1, 1960.

2. For this purpose it is proposed to hold a stamp design competition and members of the public are invited to submit designs.

3. The proposal is for four denominations, namely, 1d, 3d, 6d, and 1/3, each of a different design which must be indicative of the occasion. Where the motive of the design is not apparent, a note should be added explaining the significance of the colors and symbols. The design should be suitable for reproduction by the recess or photogravure printing processes, and should omit the denomination of the stamp.

4. The stamps are to be size 38 x 25mm in either horizontal or vertical format, and the drawings submitted should be of size 9" x 6". They should be completed in the colors proposed and in the form of "finished roughs".

5. The names of competitors should not be shown on the drawing but on a separate sheet attached to the drawing. The drawings should be enclosed in an inner sealed envelope which should be clearly marked "Nigerian Independence Stamp Competition" and should bear the competitor's name and address on the reverse side of the envelope.

6. A prize of 100 Pounds, together with a souvenir of the occasion, will be awarded for each design accepted for inclusion in the series.

7. All designs submitted will remain the property of the Federal Government of Nigeria. The copyright in accepted designs will also become the property of the government.

8. Adjudication of the designs submitted will be by the Independence Celebrations Committee, which will make its recommendations to the Council of Ministers, whose decision will be final.

9. The inner sealed envelope referred to in paragraph 5 above, should be securely packed so as not to suffer damage in transit, and be contained in an outer sealed envelope, addressed to "The Controller of Posts, Posts and Telegraphs Headquarters, Lagos, Nigeria".

The name and address of the sender should not appear on the outer envelope. The outer sealed envelope should be registered.

10. Entries should reach the above address not later than March 31, 1959. Entries received after this date will not be eligible for the competition.

Great Britain—The GPO, London, announces the issuance of stamp booklets with brighter covers. The 3/-, 4/6, and 5/- stamp books sold at post office counters are to have covers in new pastel shades and in a new design. The contents of the books remain unchanged.

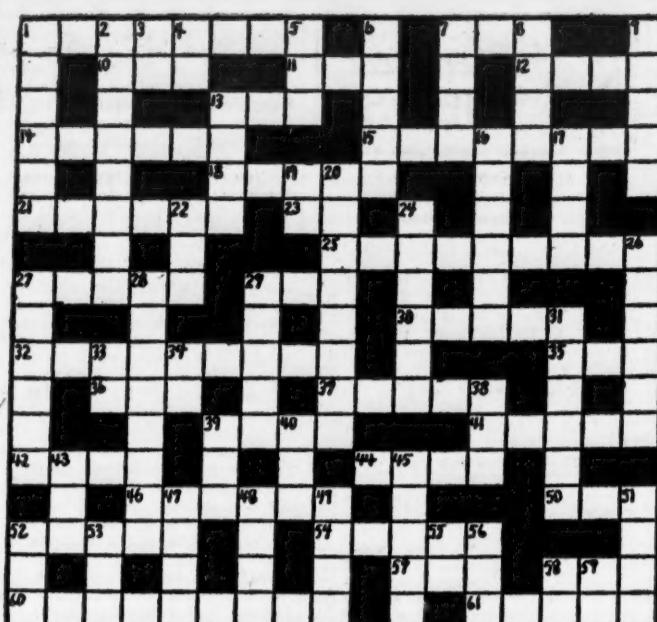
The colors are light red for the 3/- book, violet for the 4/6 item and sky blue for the 5/- one. All three are being produced by Harrison and Sons, Ltd.

The 5/- book is being introduced first and supplies were available January 28. The 3/- and 4/6 ones with the new covers will be put on sale as stocks of the old books are sold off, probably not before late spring or early summer.

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- Highest Parcel Post denomination
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- Cancellations
- "George Rogers — — —" Issue
- Union Soldiers Commemorative
- India monetary value (plural)
- First commemorative issue
- Electric — — markings
- Not new
- Tenth President 1938 set
- "Jennies to — — —"
- On Occupied Nations issue
- On 50c 1938 set
- Famous American Scientist, 5c
- Twelfth President 1938 set
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- Denomination Magsaysay stamp
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- " — — and behold"!
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- A pair
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- Polska
- Queen on Columbian Issue
- Missouri (Abbr.)
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- Bay Colony Issue, State (Abbr.)
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